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By Representative McCampbell

RFD:

First Read: 20-MAY-13
MOURNING THE DEATH OF DEACON WILLIAM MARTIN TURNER.

WHEREAS, the death of Deacon William Martin Turner of Panola, Alabama, on May 5, 2013, is noted with great sadness, while his 84 years of life and service are commended and celebrated with respect and thanksgiving; and

WHEREAS, he was dedicated to being his own man, including building his own business as owner and president of Turner's Logging Company and Rental Properties; he also served as a member of the Sumter County Retired Educators Association and a member of the Deacon Board for many years at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Panola; and

WHEREAS, born on September 4, 1928, in Panola, he was educated at North Sumter High School and attended Alabama A and M University in Huntsville; and

WHEREAS, Deacon Turner was known for being a friend to everyone, and he benefited the entire Panola area; he was an expert farmer and gardener who kept the Panola community well furnished with fresh fruits and vegetables, and he was
also an avid huntsman who loved spending time with friends
during hunting season; and

WHEREAS, he leaves to mourn his death and cherish
his life his devoted wife, Josephine Turner; daughter, Joan
Woodard; son-in-law, Jeff Woodard; daughter-in-law, Sheila
Turner; grandchildren, Jasmine Woodard, Jordan Woodard,
Jillian Woodard, Gabrielle Turner, and Krisina Turner;
sisters, Louise Anderson, Leone Washington, and Irene Joyner;
and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends;
preceding him in death were his parents, Isaac and Bertha
Turner; son, William Turner, Jr.; and sister, Mary C. Means; and

WHEREAS, the death of Deacon William Martin Turner
is a great loss for his family and countless friends
throughout the State of Alabama; he leaves behind an entire
community of fellow citizens who admired and respected him in
life and, while deeply grieved by his loss, will continue to
be inspired by his dedication and service; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Deacon William
Martin Turner is recorded with deepest regret, and this
resolution is offered in grateful appreciation for his
honorable and productive life along with profound sympathy to
his family.